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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the *Final* Office Action of June 2, 2005, where the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-10 and 16-28. By the present amendment, claims 1, 3-4 and 8-10 have been amended, claims 5-7 and 16-28 have been cancelled, and new claims 29-40 have been added. After the present amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 8-10 and 29-40 are pending in the present application. Allowance of outstanding claims 1, 3-4, 8-10 and 29-40 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Amendment to the Title

By the present amendment, applicant has amended the title to read "A Method of Sharing a Memory between a Browser Mode and a Video Mode to Reduce Memory Usage in a Video System." Applicant respectfully submits that the present title overcomes the Examiner's objection.

B. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-10 and 16-28 under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-10 and 16-28, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Aotake, et al. (USPN 5,999,694) ("Aotake") in view of Terashima, et al. (USPN 5,142,521) ("Terashima").

In response, applicant has amended claim 1, which, among other limitations, recites: "storing a return address for the browser mode in the memory, in response to the selecting step; switching from the browser mode to the video mode, in response to the

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selecting step; displacing the data segment of the browser program in the memory with a video bitstream representative of the video clip; playing the video clip from the memory in the video mode; retrieving the return address for the browser mode from the memory after the playing step; and returning to the browser mode according to the return address to enable the user to resume the browsing of the contents of the video representative of the video clips, wherein the returning step includes displacing the video bitstream in the memory with the data segment of the browser program.”

As explained in the present application, a video system of the present invention switches between the browser mode and the video mode, such that the memory is first used by the data segment of the browser program, and prior to switching from the browser mode to the video mode, a certain return address relating to the browser mode is saved in the memory and the data segment of the browser program in the memory is displaced with video bitstream that is generated for playing the video in the video mode. After playing a selected video clip, the data segment of the browser program displaces the video bitstream and the return address is used to restore the previous state of the browser mode. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose, teach or suggested the above limitations of claim 1, as amended.

Further, in response to the Examiner’s suggestion, at the last two paragraphs on Page 4 of the Office Action, regarding the narrowing amendments, applicant has amended claims 8, 9 and 10.

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Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-4 and 8-10 should be allowed for the reasons stated above.


C. New Claims 29-40

By the present amendment, applicant has added new independent claims 29 and 35, which include limitations similar to those of claim 1, as amended. Further, dependent claims 30-34 and 36-40 depend from claims 29 and 35, respectively, and include limitations similar to those of claims 3-4 and 8-10, respectively. Accordingly, claims 29-40 should also be allowed for the reasons stated above.

D. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance directed to all claims 1, 3-4, 8-10 and 29-40 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

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